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SUBJ: SYRIA: CIVAIR - REQUEST FOR DATA ON EXECUTIVE JET AIRCRAFT

1. DCM ON SEPT. 4 CALLED ON GEN. NAJI JAMIL, COMMANDER, SYRIAN AIR FORCE, AND CHAIRMAN OF SARG SPECIAL AIRCRAFT SELECTION COMMITTEE, TO PRESENT MATERIAL ON CESSNA CITATION 500 EXECUTIVE JET AIRCRAFT AND TO INTRODUCE EMBASSY'S NEW ECONOMIC OFFICER. CESSNA MATERIAL PROVIDED TO EMBASSY DURING WEEKEND VISIT OF CESSNA REP., GEORGE BURNSWORTH.

2. GEN. JAMIL SAID HE WOULD STUDY MATERIAL CAREFULLY AS SARG SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN MULTI-ENGINE EXECUTIVE JET AIRCRAFT FOR USE BY SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES AS NAVIGATION/COMMUNICATION TRAINER AND FOR USE BY SARG FOR SPECIAL AIR MISSIONS IN SYRIA TO TRANSPORT HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND VISITING DIGNITARIES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS WITHIN SYRIA. JAMIL REQUESTED A MORE DETAILED "OFFER" FROM CESSNA INCLUDING CURRENT AVAILABILITY, DELIVERY TIME, AND PRICE BREAKDOWN WITH NAVIGATION/COMMUNICATION PACKAGE.

3. JAMIL NOTED GOVERNMENT'S AIRCRAFT SELECTION COMMITTEE

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STUDYING SEVERAL JET AIRCRAFT FOR SIMILAR TRAINING/SPECIAL AIR

MISSION USE IN SYRIA. HE HAS RECEIVED BASIC DATA ON LOCKHEED-GEORGIA JETSTAR II AND FALCON EXECUTIVE JETS, AND ASKED EMBASSY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY/DELIVERY/COST DATA ON THESE TWO AIRCRAFT.

4. AS FOR FINANCING, JAMIL SAID IT WOULD COME "FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE GULF" (I.E., WE ASSUME ABU DHABI).

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. BEIRUT AND DEPARTMENT: PASS REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION TO CESSNA, LOCKHEED AND FALCON. WE WILL PASS REPLIES TO GEN. JAMIL IF COMPANIES SO DESIRE.

B. LONDON: PASS TO RCAA DWOR FOR ANY COMMENT HE MAY WISH TO SUPPLY TO US.
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